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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 479
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Richard Brooksbank on his selection as the 2001 Valedictorian of Roane County High School.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those students who, through their natural talents and unwavering commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Richard Brooksbank is most assuredly one such exceptional student who is richly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, His persistence and hard work have earned him recognition as the Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Roane County High School; and

WHEREAS, Through industrious study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Richard has achieved remarkable academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, Richard Brooksbank has earned a commendable grade point average of 4.044; and

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WHEREAS, A well-rounded individual and a sterling scholar, Mr. Brooksbank has been a valuable participant in many programs and clubs at Roane County High School; and

WHEREAS, Richard has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his superior academic performance and his great promise as a collegiate scholar, including the Science Department Award and the Instrumental Music Award; he will graduate with Highest Honors and he has also been named to *Who's Who*; and

WHEREAS, Richard will continue his education through the auspices of the Furman University Achievement Scholarship, the Founders Scholarship, the Music Scholarship and the Shelter Insurance Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional young man will attend Furman University this fall; and

WHEREAS, Richard Brooksbank epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; in an age where the youth of our country face great challenges, we can proudly state without equivocation that he represents all that is good in our young people today; and

WHEREAS, Richard is an incredible source of pride for his parents, Richard D. and Donna Brooksbank, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Richard's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Roane County High School surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Richard Brooksbank's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2001 Roane County High School Valedictorian, Richard Brooksbank, for his many academic achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.